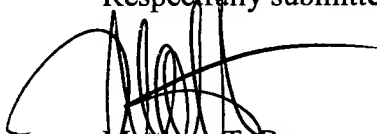


REMARKS

As indicated in the Interview Summary dated December 8, 2005, applicants' representative George Kanabe and the Examiner discussed the Office Action dated June 17, 2005 and the deficiencies of that Office Action, and agreed that the Examiner would issue a new Office Action more particularly setting forth the Examiner's basis for rejecting the claims. Such an Office Action was issued on December 8, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew T. Byrne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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